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### Makeup Bag Monday #16 Prepping for Travel



*Another Monday, another Makeup Bag Monday. Every week I share with you what I have chosen from my current makeup collection with new makeup to review. This will be a collection of products to rediscover, new products to test, and products to give one last go before hitting the bin. Come back every Monday to find out how the previous week went with mini makeup reviews and see what I have selected for the new week ahead. Recently, I have been focused on summer makeup.*

This will be the last Makeup Bag Monday before I head out for Miami for Miami Swim Week, so keep an eye out next week for a travel makeup bag post (basically Makeup Bag Monday: Travel Edition). Lately I have been obsessed with skincare. You might already get that I am obsessed with skincare, but I am currently doing a 30 day sheet mask challenge, thanks to my recent conversation with Alicia Yoon, the founder of my new online and skincare obsession Peach & Lily. You can follow me on snapchat (serein) to find out which sheet mask I use each night. Currently, I've been using Leaders Sheet Masks, they are 100% mineral oil free (woohoo!) and my favorite are the coconut gel fiber ones from Leaders. You can use "SMIAMI10" for 10% off any Leaders online purchase. Not an affiliate code, just what they gave me to give you guys. I can say after 3 days in a row of sheet masking, yes I just made that a verb, my skin is GLOWING! Can't wait to see what 30 days will do, especially with travel in the middle of my 30 day challenge. Oh yes, I am going to be that girl who sheet masks on the plane. I am even going to film it!

Now let's get back to Makeup Bag Monday. What worked? What didn't?

## Last Week's Makeup Bag Picks

Last week's makeup bag was filled with new products and a mix of long forgotten makeup in my makeup collection. Beauty blogger problems... Part of what makes this series so fun for me is being able to really hunt down forgotten products and use them again. With my channel and this blog, I am constantly trying new products and my beloved ones get forgotten rather quickly. So how did last week go?

### The Good

BY TERRY sun designer palette 2 \$82

Definitely worth the price! Such a beautiful, pigmented, smooth, powder blush, bronzer, and highlight palette with endless options. You can even use the shades as individual eyeshadows.

Wayne Goss Limited Edition Brush 2016

Gorgeous brush that is incredibly soft and versatile. I used it with my By Terry sun designer palette. I love the slim brush for detailed powder application. Very impressed with my first ever Wayne Goss brush.

**NUDESTIX** Skin Glossing Pencil \$24

The most gorgeous dewy highlight. This makes your skin look wet in a good way. I like to use this as a cheek highlight, brow bone, inner corner, and cupid bow highlight. For a truly dewy look, use all over the eye lid as well. It's a beautiful glossy sheer pink, no glitter, just radiance. I highly recommend this for summer.

### The Rediscovered Loves

Benefit Ka-Brow! #4 \$24

Love this brow pomade, that is light weight, pigmented, and holds your brows in place. I do not like the brush at all. I found the brush to be too flimsy to control the product application, but this is easily solved by using an angled brush in my collection already. Love the light weight pomade vs. a lot of the thicker heavier ones on the market. Easy to build up or to use a little for a more natural effect.

Benefit Gimme Brow #3 \$24

LOVE LOVE LOVE! You need this. I love the new packaging. Gimme brow has been a long time holy grail brow mascara for me. It's great at adding texture, color, and holding my long brow hairs in place. The new formulation seems to be a bit more light-weight and I have no complaints.

YSL Rouge Voupte #3 \$37

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Such a great everyday lipstick. The formulation is comfortable, the shade is the perfect my lips, but better shade, and you really cannot beat the luxurious packaging.

## The Okay

Make-Up ATELIER Palette Eyeshadows in natural brown & honey brown \$34

Highly pigmented, lasts all day, easy to blend. I did find that the base matte white shadows are difficult to layer other colors over, so be aware of that if you are looking for white eyeshadows to use as a base on the lid. Overall the palettes are good and easy to work with. Recently, I just have not been that into eyeshadows. With my skincare focus, I've been using less makeup and just focusing on my brows and tinted SPF.

Physicians Formula Organic Wear Mascara \$9.99

Not crazy about this new version of mascara from Physicians Formula. I love the original one in the green tube. Also love the sexy boost one that use to come in the red and black tube. This new one has a thinner wand that doesn't do much for my lashes. Formulation wise, it lasts all day and does not clump. No real issues, just prefer the original one in the green tube.

## The Bad

Kiko Radiant Touch creamy stick highlighter \$19.90

A favorite from last year, I think it might be time to toss it. This cream highlighter just isn't as soft and creamy as my Glossier Haloscope or the NUDSTIX Skin Glossing Pencil. It's crazy how much I loved this last year when I purchase it in London. I just think brands have come out with better since.

## This Week's Picks

Becca x Jaclyn Hill Shimmering Skin Perfector champagne pop \$41

PUR Cosmetics Glow Together Bronzer \$34

Palladio Baked Bronzer in Atlantic Tan \$9.99

COVERGIRL truenaked eyeshadow palette in goldens \$11.99

bareMinerals Gen Nude Matte Liquid Lipstick in friendship \$18

bareMinerals Gen Nude under over lip liner in vibe \$16

Hope you are having a nice 4th of July! Let me know what are some of your current favorites? I always love to get inspiration from you guys.

xoxo

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